

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
GRETCHEN LINNETTE WILSON, D.V.M.,	:	<u>ORDER 0000 333</u>
RESPONDENT.	:	

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[Division of Enforcement Case # 06 VET 30]

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Gretchen Linnette Wilson, D.V.M.  
2700 Farm Road  
Ashland, WI 54806

Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Veterinary Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gretchen Linnette Wilson, D.V.M., (DOB August 29, 1951) is duly licensed as veterinarian in the state of Wisconsin (license # 2161). This license was first granted on June 19, 1980.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board is 2700 Farm Road, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a veterinarian at her clinic in Ashland, Wisconsin.

4. On May 31, 2006, "Diablo", a five year old male, neutered, 45 pound, Siberian Husky was brought into Respondent's clinic. Respondent's records do not document what was done, or suggest a reason why treatment was appropriate.

5. Respondent said that sometime later the owner returned to her clinic, and demanded re-imbursement for a large bill for subsequent veterinary services provided at a different clinic several days later, alleging that Respondent was responsible for a large seroma on Diablo's neck. Respondent made no record of the owner's visit or her demand. Respondent denies mistreating the dog, or doing anything that might have caused a seroma, and reports that she and the subsequent treating veterinarian have a history of personal professional conflict.

6. Respondent's records of this patient failed to include any information on the presenting initial complaint, contained no physical exam findings other than breed, color, gender, and weight, and contained no diagnosis and only partial prescription information.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct of Respondent in failing to maintain minimally adequate patient medical records as required by Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.03, as described in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.03(15) and she is therefore subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(1)(f).

## ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Gretchen Linnette Wilson, D.V.M. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin shall be LIMITED to require that, within nine (9) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain and successfully complete two (2) hours of continuing education in the area of medical records keeping. The course(s) attended in satisfaction of this requirement may not be used to satisfy the statutory continuing education requirements for licensure.
3. Respondent shall be responsible for obtaining the course(s) required under this Order, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor, and for obtaining pre-approval of the courses from the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board, or its designee, prior to commencement of the programs.
4. Within thirty (30) days following completion of the course(s) identified in paragraph 2 above, Respondent shall file with the Department Monitor certifications from the sponsoring organization(s) verifying her attendance at the required courses.
5. All costs of the educational programs shall be the responsibility of the Respondent.
6. Upon successful completion of the educational programs, submission and approval of the records and payment of the costs set forth below, Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine, shall be restored to unlimited status.
7. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this proceeding in the amount of Nine Hundred Fifteen (\$915.00 ) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

8. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Respondent's license (# 2161) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

9. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

By: Marthina Greer DVM  
A Member of the Board

8/4/10  
Date